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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated 13 September 2001. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 13 December 2001 to 13 January 2002.

A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$ A * month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on *. The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated *.

A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$55.00

- A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- \blacksquare Charge \$55.00 to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 312762001530.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. <u>312762001530</u>. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE GRANT (PEN. NO. 47, 608)

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